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### **KCCSW to host public meeting on Jan. 18**

LĪHU'E – The Kaua'i County Committee on the Status of Women will host its first public meeting of the year on Jan. 18, 2023. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting at 5 p.m. at the Līhu'e Civic Center, Boards and Commissions Conference Room, at 4444 Rice Street, Suite 300.

This meeting will feature Khara Jabola-Carolus, Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, and the Committee's 2023 plan to address priorities inclusive of career development, period poverty, and health. The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women is the statewide government agency based in Honolulu that coordinates the gender equality machinery across Hawai'i.

Jabola-Carolus will present Kaua'i specific data related to statewide abortion legislation that will have a disproportionate impact on Kauai, the first government report on missing and murdered Native Hawaii girls and women, and will introduce innovative solutions to violence against women at the island level in coordination with other US cities and counties.

"Gender equality cannot be achieved on Kaua'i without an equal investment in Kaua'i women by our 'Oahu-heavy Legislature," said HSCSW Executive Director Jabola-Carolus. "We are honored to visit Kaua'i to ensure family planning infrastructure is built during the 2023 State Legislative Session. We also want to recognize Kaua'i's contribution to the historic Missing and Murdered Native Hawaiian Women

and Girls report and share key findings from the MMNHWG Task Force with the county. No island is immune from this crisis.”

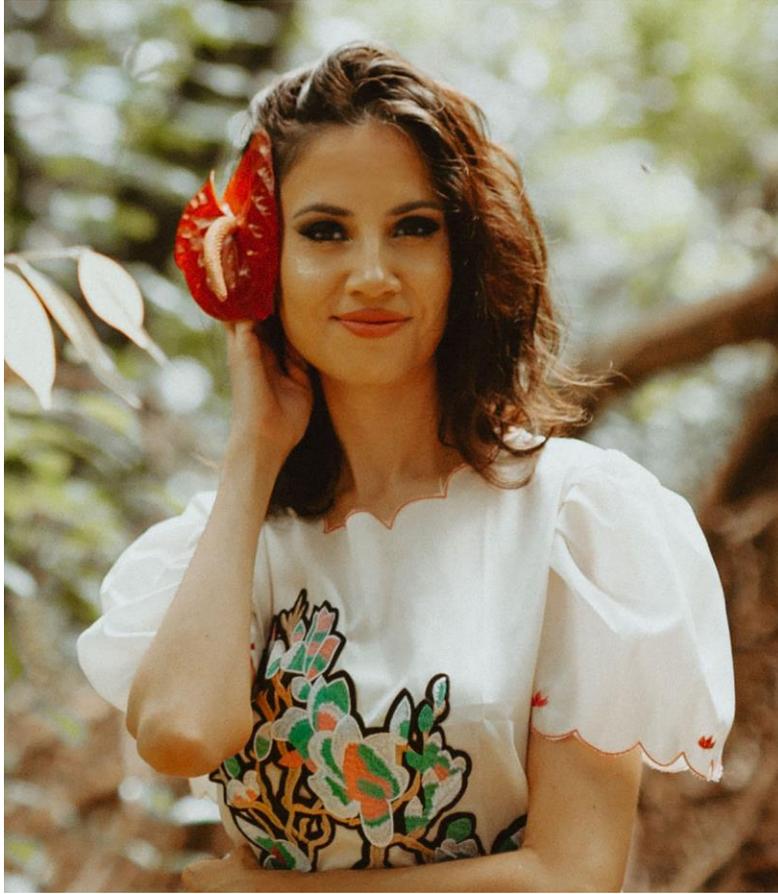
“We are grateful Khara Jabola-Carolus can be included in this public meeting,” said Edie Ignacio Neumiller, Kaua’i Commissioner for the Hawai’i State Commission on the Status of Women.

Commissioner Ignacio Neumiller has served as a State Commissioner since May 2020 and has been integral to the coordination between the state and the County offices. She introduced the first Feminist Economic Recovery plan adopted by the Kaua’i County Council in 2021 and continues to advocate for women across the state.

“The voice of Kaua’i’s women and girls is important. We invite active participation from the community to shape a path toward a more equitable future for women and girls on Kaua’i,” said Darcie Yukimura, Chair of the Kaua’i County Committee on the Status of Women.

Executive Director Khara Jabola-Carolus will be available to answer questions on issues relating to women and to meet the community after the meeting.

Anyone needing an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability may contact Anela Segreti at 808-241-4917 or [asegreti@kauai.gov](mailto:asegreti@kauai.gov) as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill any requests. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, braille, or electronic copy.



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